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FINE OLD BUILDING ALMOST IN RUINS

Hundredth Anniversary of Dr. Peters' Birth Brings Litchfield Observatory to Front.

FAMOUS WORK DONE THERE.

Valuable Instruments, Once Finest of Their Kind, Rusting From Long Disuse.

(by H. StL. Booth, '14)

The speedy decay of the Litchfield Observatory presents a problem as to its future which has evidently not yet been solved but which is of especial interest to Hamilton men this year, because it is the hundredth anniversary of the man who made it and the College famous, Dr. Christian Henry Frederick Peters. Since the death of Dr. Peters in 1890, after thirty-two years of faithful service on the Hill, the Observatory has been a mere landmark. Due to the neglect to keep the old wooden structure in repair it has so deteriorated that it is no longer practicable to try to save the building. It has already begun to present much the appearance of a tumbled down old shack and in a few years will be literally such.

A great deal of interest and speculation was created a short time ago when it was rumored that the Litchfield endowment fund had been renewed, and it was hoped that some immediate steps would be taken to make use of at least some of the old equipment and to save the building from utter ruin. That the present site of the Observatory is no longer a possible one for careful astronomical observations is generally conceded on account of the proximity of other buildings and the radiations therefrom. That being true, however, no Hamilton man cares to see destroyed this venerable monument of the days when Hamilton College was known the world over as the center of some of the greatest astronomical observations of the century, and the Litchfield Observatory the seat of the great astronomer, Dr. Peters.

Fine Instruments Unused.

Sentiment, however, is not the only cause for the concern felt over the Observatory. There are many men every year who would be glad of the opportunity to use the instruments which are rusting in the dilapidated old building, the lenses of which are securely locked in the safe in Science Hall. In the Northwest dome of the Observatory stands the old Comet-seeker which Dr. Peters brought with him from Germany. The Equatorial, a small telescope which was used for years by the students under Dr. Peters, lies on the floor in the East dome. The latter was presented to Dr. Peters when he was sent to Des Moines, Iowa, in order to make observations upon the total eclipse of the sun, in 1869. The large center dome contains the big telescope which at one time was rated as superior to the instrument at Washington for research and practical work and which was used only by Dr. Peters and his assistant, Rev. Porter.

All these instruments could still be

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COLLEGE CALENDAR.

Tuesday, 4.30, Postponed Saturday Chapel; 5.00, Mandolin Practice; 7.30, Basketball Game, Psi U vs. Chi Psi.
Wednesday, 7.15, Glee Club Practice.
Thursday, 7.00, Prayer Meeting in Y. M. C. A.; 7.30, Basketball Games, Delta U vs. Sigma Phi, Alpha Delts vs. Theta Delts.
Friday, 5.00, Mandolin Practice; 7.15, Glee Club Practice; Choir Practice; Meeting of College Church.
Saturday, 8.00, First of Myers' Lectures, in the Chapel.
Sunday, 12.00, Communion Service in Chapel; 5.00, Bible Classes in Y. M. C. A.

PARTS ASSIGNED FOR THE CHARLATANS PLAY

Most of Cast Selected. Rehearsals to Begin With Completion of Tryouts.

The first tryouts for this year's Charlatans' production, "The Senator Keeps House," were held at Sigma Phi Hall a week ago last night. Professors Shepard and C. K. Chase in conjunction with President Jessup acted as judges. The tryouts were very encouraging to the leaders, perhaps more because of the number of men that reported rather than the quality of the material, but none the less encouraging. In one or two parts, the names of which the leaders wish to be withheld, the new men showed marked ability. The tryouts for the roles of Col. Seely and Judson will be held again as no entirely satisfactory candidate appeared. They will be held as soon as the manuscript arrives, as it is the plan to give the candidates much longer speeches than were used last time.

As soon as this manuscript arrives and these two parts are definitely assigned, rehearsals will begin. The management hopes to get in two weeks of work before Christmas recess. Incidentally the management proposes to conduct these rehearsals under more stringent rules than were imposed last year. Not only faithful attendance will be required, but more willing workers will be substituted for those who fail to learn their parts or in any other way fail to keep up in the work. The fact that there are two or three available candidates for most of the parts makes the policy possible. As last year, Mr. Frank Lea Short will take charge of the rehearsals during the last few days.

The play will be staged at the Majestic Theatre, Utica, on Tuesday, the second day of Junior Week.

The following cast is only temporary and omits the roles of Col. Seely and Judson which are still to be assigned.

The Senator	Jessup, '14
Patrick Henry Larkins, ..	Bristol, '14
Sam (a Negro Boy)	Royce, '14
Mrs. Ida Flower	McGibeny, '14
Eva Flower	Weaver, '14
Mrs. Wallace	Johnson, '15
Honey (a Negro Girl)	Mengerink, '14
Reeves (Reporter)	J. Jessup, '15

—The Freshman Class yesterday elected French President, and Weed Vice-President.

E. L. S. DEFEATS PSI U.

In a game which was close all the way thru, and in which the score stood against the winners at the end of the first half, E. L. S. defeated Psi U in the Basketball League game last night by a score of 12-9. Fulton and Miller starred for the Emersonian team, and Weed for the down-hill crowd.

—The Freshmen stand as follows in the **Life** competition: Seaver, Truax, Warren, Pohl, Fraser, Griffith, Huntsman. The Sophomores are as follows: Groves, McMillan, Muir.

—Oscar Kuolt, '07, is Superintendent of Schools at Hudson Falls, N.Y.

TRIANGULAR MEET WILL OPEN NEXT TRACK SEASON

Dual Meet With Union Follows. Hope to Secure Risley Again to Coach Squad.

Both Captain Lee and Manager Dieterlen when interviewed refused to give out the tentative Track schedule for next Spring, altho a long, stiff schedule is promised.

Manager Dieterlen said he did not wish the schedule printed until completed, but announced that the season will open on May 2 with a triangular Meet with Rochester and St. Lawrence. This should be an interesting innovation and insure a speedy revenge for defeats sustained this fall. The annual Dual Meet with Union will be held at Schenectady this year on Union's new track, which is to be one of the best in the state.

It is hoped by the management as well as by every member of last year's team and the undergraduate body in general that Coach Risley will work with the squad again next spring. Mr. Risley has promised to coach the Track team next season if he continues to reside near Utica, but he has for some time been considering a western business proposition. His work has meant everything to the team the last two years and his services could hardly be spared.

A much needed addition to the equipment of the Track department for next season will be two new lanes of hurdles. Heretofore it has been impossible to run off a fair race on a windy day because some of the old hurdles would not stand up against even a moderate wind. These hurdles have already been ordered and the vaulting pole with which Shepard, '17, the new holder of the College record, made his high school record of 11 ft. 6 in., has also been obtained from Nichols School.

NOTICE.

Each student in the College is asked to inspect carefully the list of names and adresses posted in the vestibule of the Chapel and, in case he finds any error in his own name or address, to report the same to Prof. Hastings before Sunday, December 7. Items not corrected will be printed in the forthcoming Catalog as they stand.

—Frank R. Wassung, '13, is now principal of Albion High School, at Albion, N. Y.

FIRST OF LECTURES SATURDAY EVENING

Major Wotherspoon Speaks in Chapel on Interesting Subject. Gathering at Commons Afterwards.

The first lecture of the John Ripley Myers series will be delivered next Saturday, December 6, at 8 p. m. in the Chapel. The lecturer is Major General William W. Wotherspoon, Assistant Chief of Staff of the United States Army. His subject will be "The Military Policy of the United States and the History and Development of Our Regular Army."

Major General Wotherspoon is a man high in army circles and knows whereof he speaks. He is Assistant Chief of Staff of the United States Army and Commander of the Department of the Gulf, and was formerly President of the War College. It is needless to say that his subject, which is a very broad and interesting one, will be treated in an expert manner.

After the lecture there will be a gathering in Commons Hall to which all members of the Faculty and students are invited. This is to be a sort of informal reception and there will be an opportunity for everyone to meet the General personally. There will be light refreshments served by George E. Tunbridge, of Rome and Clinton renown.

Three More in Series.

As previously announced, there are to be three more lectures by experts on military topics of importance. The subjects and speakers for January 10 and February 28 have also been announced. Major Frederick F. Russell, of the Medical Corps, now on duty as Attending Surgeon, New York City, will deliver the fourth lecture in the series on March 28 on "The Development of Sanitation in Relation to the Health of Armies and the Relation of Army Studies on this Subject to Civil Communities."

Major Russell is one of the most prominent scientific investigators, and one whose work has brought real, practical results. It is due to the work of Major Russell that typhoid fever, the most deadly foe of the army in the past, has been entirely eliminated from the service. With over 110,000 men in the army or passing thru it, there has not been a single case of typhoid fever this year.

Committee Announced.

The committee in charge of this course consists of William M. Bristol, '82, and Charles B. Rogers, '87, working in connection with Dr. A. P. Saunders of the Faculty. The College has these men to thank for securing as lecturers the best possible men, men known the country over as the highest authorities in their respective fields; it has them to thank for a distinctly new feature of College life.

All that remains to make the lectures the success they ought to be is a large attendance of the College body. And judging by the interest shown in the lecture delivered last year by Dr. Dudley W. Foulke, good attendance should be assured.

—Among the Alumni who were on the Hill last week were : Sherman, '04, Kuolt, '07, Jones, '11, Connell, '12, Hopkins, '12, Callahan, ex-'16.

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EDITORIAL.

Life wishes to thank the Alumni who responded to the call for communications on the Lit. situation. It is to be hoped that more will be heard from.

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The Myers Lectures.

Hamilton has for a long time felt the need of an activity which has now been supplied, namely, a college lecture course. Ever since the agitation for instituting such an activity arose, the College has given every indication of being strongly in favor of it and eager to support it. This spirit was shown concretely in the attendance and the enthusiasm at the one lecture that was given in the Chapel last year.

This winter a series of lectures has been arranged which provides for one each month, all on closely related subjects, subjects which should hold a keen interest for college students of America. **It is for the College, the undergraduates, to show their appreciation of the efforts which have been made to secure these lectures, and of the generosity of the donor of the fund which has made them possible, by attending this first lecture to a man.** Undoubtedly, on the reception of this first series of lectures will depend the future of the scheme. Furthermore, as the different lectures are on somewhat kindred subjects, every man should hear the first so as to be able fully to apreciate later ones.

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Alumni Contributions.

Life has a few faithful friends among the Alumni who do more than keep their names on the mailing list. Every once in a while a bit of "copy" strays in from one of these, an item of news, a write-up or an announcement of some Alumni affair, or a letter containing an expression of opinion which can be printed as such. Published in this paper, these things reach hundreds of Hamilton Alumni, the ones who are most interested in what the College and its Alumni are doing. Seldom does **Life** fail to publish such contributions, unless they come as anonymous expressions of opinion, such failures, when they may occur, being due to lateness of arrival and lack of space.

Alumni and undergraduates as well are interested to know what the Alumni are doing, for at Hamilton the feeling of being acquainted with everybody in College extends even to men of different College generations. Also, the undergraduates and those concerned in the actual running of affairs in the College are interested to hear what opinions Alumni may have as to current events on the Hill. The Lit. situation is a case in point. The question of the advisability of continuing the Hamilton Literary Magazine, probably the most vital one before the College at the present time, was brought up in the last issue of this paper for the particular benefit of the Alumni, with the idea that many of them might have views to express on the subject. The response has not been what was anticipated, nor what the occasion deserves. Perhaps some got their copies late and have not yet had time to write. Much may yet be forthcoming on that score.

Again, remember that **Life** has to depend largely on voluntary correspondents for announcements and accounts of Alumni "doings," and that a waiting world of Alumni depends on **Life** for such information.

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A Practical Response.

A few days ago the manager of the Hamilton Literary Magazine received an order for a subscription from a young Alumnus, with the following words hastily inscribed: "I have been without Lit. long enough. Every Hamilton man should have it."

That is the sort of thing that Lit. needs in its present situation. If a few more Alumni, just a reasonable number, would make up their minds to the same thing that this one did, and show it in the same way, there would soon cease to be any talk of abandoning the Literary Magazine.

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COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editor of **Life**:

College loyalty may be shown in a variety of ways. The man with weight and physical fitness feels obliged to support the athletic teams and the reputation of the College. Does the man with the scholastic and literary ability feel an obligation which is correspondingly great? When a man with a big body and bulging muscles turns a deaf ear to the call for football recruits he is called a shirk or a coward. Can those names be applied to the man who refuses to support the literary activity of the College? If half of the present Senior class were laboring to keep Lit. up to the respectable level of a college literary magazine, conscience would reprove the writer for persevering to appeal to over-worked men. But literary activity of every sort is at a decidedly low ebb. Lit. has come to a crucial point in its history. For some time it has languished; and now there is talk of its utter abandonment. The College is not pleased with this prospect; and the Alumni are not. What shall be done? That is a question to be answered by competent undergraduate writers. It is a question to be answered with essays and orations, and Junior discussions, and poems, and an occasional short story. It might be suggested to the editor and manager in their quandary that they inspect a few copies of Lit. in the past and see what may be made of the publication in the future. We can be fair imitators if we can not be great creators. The birth of a first-class writer of short stories is a splendid accident which happens infrequently. Some men may write good stories if they have had experience and are willing to serve a rigorous apprenticeship. Because we lack a Dounce we must not languish.

In accordance with the plan mentioned above the writer suggests that Lit. be replenished as of yore with compositions written as subjects for prize awards. These include oration subjects for Seniors and essay subjects for the three under classes. Have you seen the bulletin of announcements? It is at the right of the Chapel vestibule. And just outside of the Library doors are other things worth seeing if yo are at all interested. Look up the Catalog specifications and learn that successful Senior oration competitors get prizes and twenty perfects. Book prizes and perfects are given to successful essayists.

Until this year's crop of writing has been harvested it might be suggested that Lit. bridge the difficulty by running in some of last year's orations, essays and declamations. This may not be an acceptable solution of what many consider to be a troublesome problem. That some radical measure must be adopted is obvious to those who have followed the fortunes of the magazine. And it would be shere indolence to forsake the publication altogether.

This is an open appeal to men who can write at all; to men who want to support the important activities of their College. It is a matter of loyalty and College spirit. Buck up! Help yourselves, help Lit., and help the reputation of your College for active scholarship, not for sloth.

W. B. Marsh, '12.

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To the Editor of **Life**:

Permit me as a former business manager of Lit. to make a few comments on its present financial status. Judging from the letters I received in reply to repeated appeals for Alumni subscriptions, I am of the opinion that the gradual falling off in circulation has been due to the publication of the Record and the marked improvement in **Life** as a courier of general undergraduate news. The Record, being an official report of the administration, completely satisfies those Alumni who are primarily interested in what the Trustees and the Faculty are doing in the way of shaping policies and meeting those problems which confront a college of Hamilton's size. On the other hand, **Life** as an all-around newsy weekly gives complete reports of undergraduate activities in a most entertaining manner. As a result, the circulation of Lit. depends solely on its merit as a literary publication.

I do not wish to criticise the efforts of the Board of Editors. Those who are competent to judge maintain that the quality of their work is as good as the undergraduate body ever produced. But even granting that Lit. is the best college monthly in the country from a literary standpoint, is it not basing its claim to popularity on restricted ground? How many undergraduates subscribe to Lit. because of its literary excellence? If they are not interested in the work of their classmates how can you expect Alumni to be? To be sure, there are Alumni who read it from cover to cover and enjoy it, but they are too few in number to support it financially. If the magazine is to prosper, it must be broadened so as to meet the general wants of the Alumni.

In the first place, why can't Lit. and the Record be printed under one cover and business managership? Surely some arangement can be effected whereby Dr. Stryker could be given the required amount of space in return for the support which Lit. would receive from the present readers of the Record. Such a union would be most desirable from the Alumni standpoint and the increase in the cost of printing would be more than offset by the wider circulation.

A second suggestion is to unite the Hamiltonian and the June issue. If

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Spice of Life.

Hon. Theo. Roosevelt has been asked to take President's chair at Hobart. —Newspaper clipping, 1897.

Gee, if he'd accepted he might now be a prominent educator along with Cal and Prex.

At the prize waltz at Weisbecker's Thanksgiving night Balz Turnbull says he was in the lead and had the turkey cinched if he hadn't skidded and upset three couples.

Midge has got a girl in Syracuse who says she objects to kissing. Never mind, Midge, some day she'll let it happen right under her own nose.

Jessup at Commons: "Chancey, are you fond of fish balls?"

Chancey: "Ah really cawn't say, You see, I never attended one."

Queenie Patton's gone and got sore again. He's real peeved this time, too. Dan Chase found him and Freshman Powers up in the Gym. the other day, Queenie looking very sour.

"What's the matter with Patton?" sez Dan.

"Oh," says Powers, nonchalantly, "he's mad 'cause I won't play leapfrog with him."

"Hello, Central," said G. Tunbridge yesterday, "can you suggest the wrong number to ask for in order to get the Sig. Hall?"

Higbie said he liked the actress at the Shubert very much when she came on in her newd ress.

"Which side should a cow be milked on?" is a question at present much agitated in the South. Tres simple. Approach her on one side and milk her on the udder.

Jug: "I did the Thanksgiving marketing for the Ogden family when I was home."

Zef: "That's right. You have got a good eye for chickens."

Bill Barnes: "I don't see any connection at all."

Jug: "See? He hasn't got a fowl mind."

I shot an arrow into the air,
It fell to earth, I know not where,
But shortly after a man came round
And I bought dead dog at a dollar a pound.

She (at the Armory): "How do you like the rag?"

Squeak (after careful survey): "Oh pretty well, what there is of it."

We also have a Brick—Lee.

Count Regin wants to know what everybody's laughing at him for. He can't see anything funny.

The following is from the "Who's Who" page of a recent Saturday Evening Post. It is a good story even if there was no Dan Fraser in '64.:

Dan Fraser, a Western lawyer, was a classmate of Senator Elihu Root at Hamilton College, in New York. They met at a reunion at Hamilton when Root was Secretary of State.

"Howdy, Elihu?" said Fraser.

"How do you do, Dan?"

There was some general conversation. Then Root said:

"What are you doing, Dan?"

"Oh," Fraser replied, "I'm practicing law—and what line are you in?"

YEAR-BOOK STARTED ALREADY, HONEST INJUN

Enterprising Board of 1915 Hamiltonian Has Contracts, Dummies, Etc., Well Under Way.

The editors and manager have already made considerable headway on the 1915 Hamiltonian. The manager reports that the engraving contract is signed and that the printer will be decided upon in a few days at most. The editors-in-chief have made a "dummy" of the complete book, and confidently predict the proverbial "best ever."

The contract for the engraving was given to the Electric City Engraving Company, of Buffalo. Numerous bids for the printing contract have been received. Manager Goodenough says the contract will go either to A. M. Eddy, of Albion; The Art Press Company, of Syracuse; or the Champlin Press Company, of Columbus, Ohio.

The size of the book has also been decided upon. In this respect it will differ somewhat from the 1914 Hamiltonian, with a cover 11x7 and a title page 7x5. Two forms will be completed and in the hands of the printer by Christmas.

Every possible means to reduce the cost of the book is being used and if present plans materialize there will be no extra tax on the class. The manager promises $500 in advertising this year. There are to be two books put out this year. The regular book will cost $2, and there will be a special edition with real leather covers, which will be sold for fifty cents additional. Special orders must be placed with the manager to secure copies of the better edition.

A project is on foot which, if it materializes, should help to reduce the cost of the book for the Junior Class. It is planned that every man in the Junior Class shall pay $2 for a steel cut and after the book is printed each man will receive his cut to keep permanently. Thus it is hoped that by paying $4, two for his book and two for his cut, every man in the class will be exempt from further financial burdens.

Johnson, '15, has been busy with his camera and has taken a number of pictures of College life. Williams, '08, has a set of remarkable football pictures taken at the time of the last Union game which will also be used in the Hamiltonian. Altho a large number of pictures have been collected, outside aid is solicited from any who have pictures suitable for such a book. Undergraduates with any ability at drawing will confer a favor by reporting to the editors, Erhardt, and McNair, '15. Co-operation, then —"some book."

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Editor of Lit. begs to call attention to the first article in the present number of the magazine, just out, and asks that Undergraduates and Alumni read it very carefully. The Management wishes to apologize to the Readers of Lit. for the late appearance of the November issue, and explains that the delay was caused by the inserting of the afore-mentioned article, at the last moment, which necessitated a complete revision of the contents.

The December number will be out on December 20, at 9 a .m. Get your orders in now.

—Walker, '14, returned to College last Tuesday after a few days' illness.

—Sixteen Freshmen were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Hastings at their home Thanksgiving evening.

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used to great advantage, altho it would be necessary for the large telescope to be remounted on account of the fact that the bearings have been so worn as to necessitate detailed corrections on each observation. Also much more modern methods in swinging the instrument have been devised, and it is no longer necessary to spend sleepless nights following the course of the stars, as Dr. Peters constantly did. Wtih the latest improvements the telescope turns automatically and the course of the object under observation is recorded upon photographic plates.

Dr. Peters Born in 1813.

Dr. Christian Henry Frederick Peters, the son of a Lutheran clergyman, was born in Coldenbuttel, Sleswick, Germany, on September 19, 1813. He was elected Director of Hamilton College Observatory in 1858, and Litchfield Professor of Astronomy in 1867. He died on College Hill in 1890, and his grave in the College Cemetery is one which Hamilton men point to still with reverence.

Of his many achievements not the least was his discovery of forty-seven asteroids at the Litchfield Observatory between 1861 and 1869. His charts and findings were sent to all of the great observatories in the world and to this day there are constantly arriving, addressed to the Litchfield Observatory, the records of results made at the observatories with which he corresponded.

A greater scholar, a more distinguished and honored instructor, has never held a chair at Hamilton College. At the present time the College is using none of the equipment which he left behind, and is even threatened with the total destruction of the seat of his labors and his fame.

Several members of the Faculty attended the funeral last week of Prof. J. G. Wight, Ph. D., of Clinton. Dr. Wight was a prominent educator, having held the principalship of various high schools in the east, and the presidency of the Schoolmasters' Association in New York. He is the author of several books, including his autobiography. Prof. Wight's position before his retirement was the principalship of the Wadleigh High School for Girls in New York. He was a member of Delta Kapa Epsilon at Bowdoin College. The Tau of Delta Kapa Epsilon was present at the funeral. The deceased leaves his wife, daughter, and son, Percy L. Wight, '91, principal of Clinton High School.

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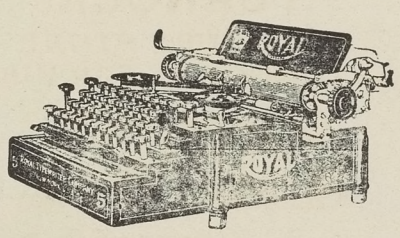

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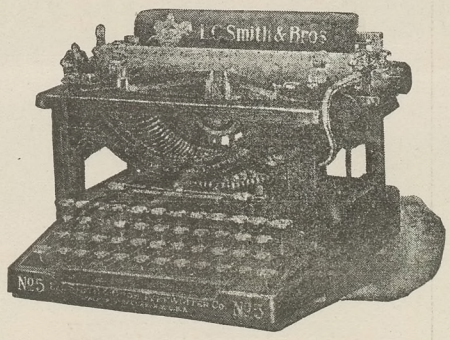

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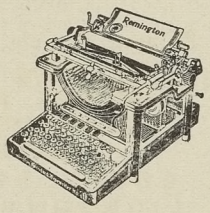

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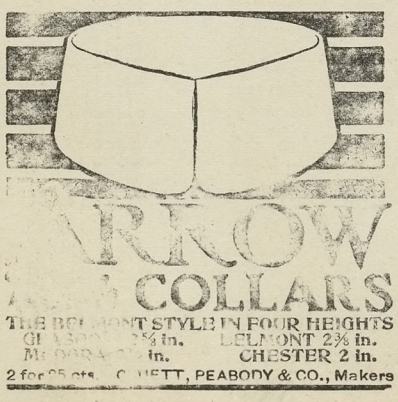

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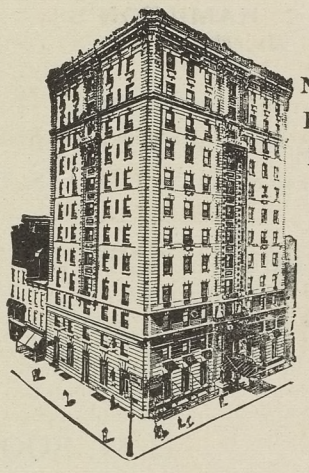

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TO AID OSTRANDER, '94.

"Systematic Giving" to be for Work in Bulgaria This Year.

For several years past the Systematic Giving Committee of the Y. M. C. A. has collected money by subscription from the students to help support the work of Hamilton Alumni in the mission fields of the world.

This year the committee has decided to devote the money collected to a small school in the foreign field. This is the "Collegiate and Theological School" in Samokov, Bulgaria, of which L. F. Ostrander, '94, is the principal. The committee believes that the need there is much greater than that in this country, and more especially so now because of the recent Balkan War. Samokov is situated right in the heart of the struggle and the effects of the war were keenly felt in the school.

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Last year the committee with Leavenworth, '14, as chairman, raised over $155. He and his assistants will be around in the next few days with cards so that every man may have a chance to sign before Christmas. The committee hopes to raise over $200 this college year.

—Prof. Ibbotson sprained his ankle severely last Wednesday, and has not been able to get around for a week. During his absence the library has been in charge of his assistants.

—Prof. Lewis was absent from College five days last week in order to attend the meeting of the National Association of English Teachers, at Chicago.

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With the final disappearance of Football from the arena of the year's sports, and the coming of the snow in more and more frequent flurries, the eyes of the College have turned to the Gymnasium where the Interfraternity Basketball League is holding forth twice a week. The first round, completed last night, has afforded an opportunity to all to see each team in action. It looks very much as tho the struggle would be close and interesting all the way thru. Many of the teams have lost by graduation and several of the others have been materially strengthened by the Freshmen. It is impossible at this stage of the game to pick the winning team for they are all very evenly matched.

The winning team of last year, Delta Upsilon, lost, perhaps, more than any other team by graduation, when Mahady, forward, and Fear, guard, were "commenced. They still have Erhardt and around him they have built their team. Griffith and Groves are both steady men and are working all the time. Behan is a new man who should make good, and Regin can be counted on. This team hopes to repeat last year's performance, but realizes that it will have to play a better game than ever before.

Dekes and Alpha Delts Strong.

The team that finished second last winter, D. K. E., looks now to have one of the best teams in the League. They lost but one man, Wheelock, and Adams, '17, seems to take his place very well. He sticks to his man all the time and has had some experience. The team was noteworthy last year for their excellent teamwork and passing and seem to excel in this this year. Royce as captain is an acurate shot and a great believer in team work. Gardiner, Aldrich, and McLouth, all Sophomores, follow their leader well. Aldrich is a good shot himself and McLouth is death on free throws. This team will bear watching and is sure to be in at the finish.

The Alpha Delt team captained by Banks is more or less of an unknown quantity. They won their first game in decisive fashion but there was lack of consistent team work. Banks has had more experience with the game perhaps than any man in College and should be able to build up a fine team from the material that he has. Weaver, Covert, and Higgins, of last year's team, are all here and besides these men there are some very promising Freshmen, the best of whom appear to be Otto and French, both men of experience in the game. The Alpha Delts are practicing twice a week, and ought to be a first-division team.

The Emersonian team was greatly handicapped without Rothensies in its first game. He and Griswold, '13, were the mainstays of the team last year. Their team is composed of underclassmen and ought to be a winner in a year or so, if not this year. Fulton and A. Miller are both fast, heady players and the team centers their attack around these two men.

Sig. Football Aggregation.

The heavy team, the Sigs., ought to accomplish much this year on account of their size, for altho they are all big men they are not slow. Jessup is one of the best shots in College and it is almost impossible for a small man to get the ball away from him. Abernathy, Pope, Ogden, Shepard, and J. Jessup are all big men. Their team resembles part of a football team more than a basketball team.

Theta Delta Chi is represented this year for the first time. Their team, composed of Lee, Lewis, Getman, Paige, and Pendleton, plays well together but seems to be unfortunate in not having an accurate shot among the number. Their floorwork is good but when they get the ball down to the basket there is no one to put it in.

The other two teams, Chi Psi and Psi Upsilon, had not played up to last night, so any dope on their prospects must be purely in the nature of conjecture. An account of last night's game will be found in another column. Psi U. has the famous Albion crew to pick from, that redoubtable quartet of Seniors, Flagg, Carmer, Eddy and Blood, and besides these there are two good players in the Freshman delegation. The team last year was a strong contender for the cup and is sure to cause trouble to the rest of the teams this year. Their team work is excellent and if they develop a forward who can shoot with any degree of accuracy they may be counted on to be near the top.

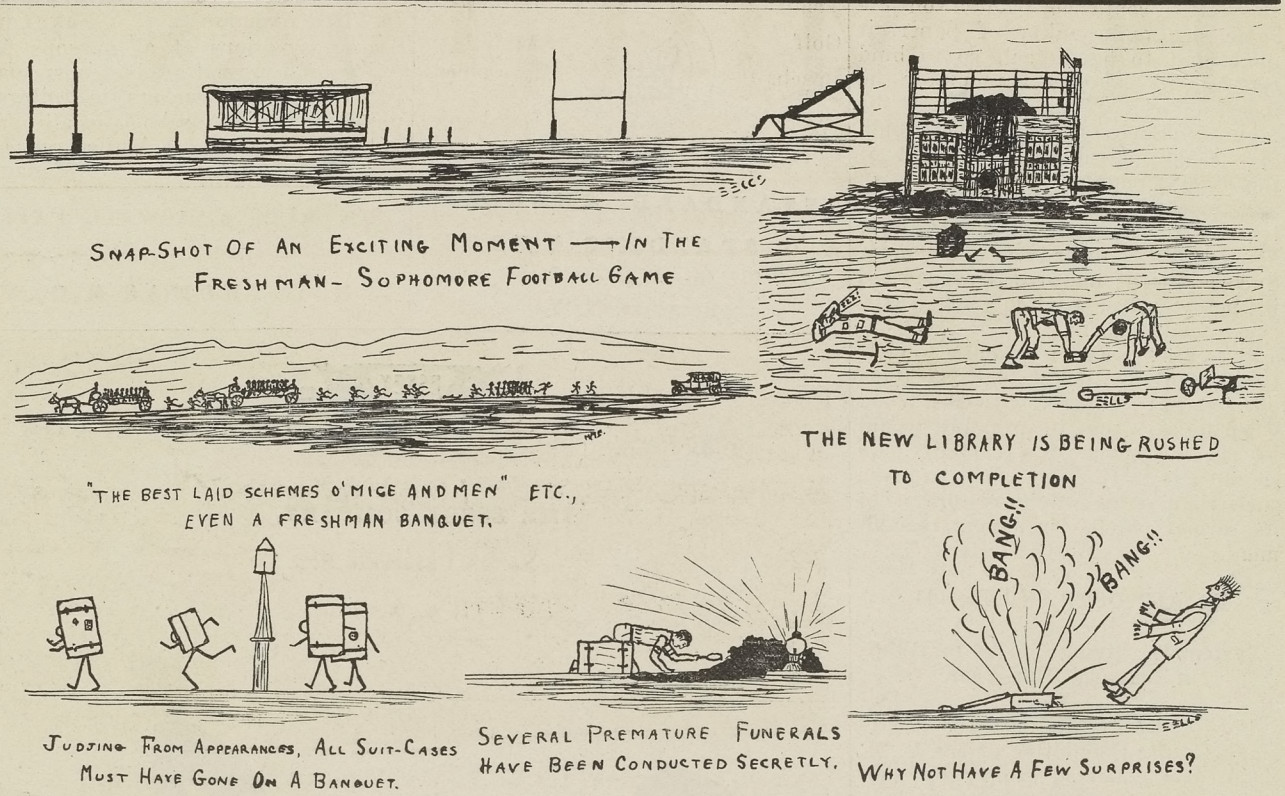
The Chi Psi team has three veterans of known ability in Whitcombe, S. Miller, and Clarke. Their Freshman delegation has several good men, the best of whom are Roenke and W. Whitcombe. Roenke is a brother of the captain of the last Hamilton Varsity team.

—The post card ballots for the Alumni members of the Association for Undergraduate Activities have been sent out to subscribing Alumni, who will choose three from the six nominees submitted by the Council.

—The Public Speaking department has changed the Freshman course, substituting extemporaneous speaking for short declamations for the remainder of the term.

—Physical Director Chase has divided the Freshman Class into groups, each under a captain. The captains are Burritt, Lewis, Lyon, French, Weed, Pendleton, Saunders, Shepard.

—Peck, Mowris, Henty, Stone, '16, are candidates for the Managership of the Charlatans.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ALLEYS NEED REPAIRS.

The Bowling Alleys will probably be open in a short time, but it is not known yet who will have charge of them this year. The Alleys need several improvements, as those who played on them last year will testify, before they will really be in fit condition. Clapp, '14, who holds the first place in the list of applicants for manager of the Alleys, has declined to take charge unless these improvements are made. The matter will be definitely decided within the next week.

FOOTBALL PICTURE.

The Football picture, twice postponed, will be taken at 1:30 Saturday afternoon at Gibbons' Studio in Clinton. The picture will be taken at that time whether or not the entire team is present. The following men are eligible for the picture: Captain Robinson, Eddy, H. Potter, T. Lee, Ogden, Jessup, Blood, '14; F. Lee, LaForce, Little, Keddy, '15; Pope, Paige, Ogilvie, '16; Bristol, Burkhart, Dayton, Emeny, French, Gilbert, Huntsman, Orr, '17. The election of next year's captain will be held at the same time.

Alumni Notes.

—Louis F. H. Giroux, '84, on graduation from Hamilton, journeyed to Beirut, Syria, where he was a tutor in the Syrian Protestant College for four years. On returning to America he studied in the Auburn Theological Seminary. Entering the Congregational ministry, he became pastor of the Emanuel Congregational Church at Springfield, Mass, holding at the same time the professorship of History and Biblical Literature in the French-American College of the same city, until 1903, when he was made Dean of the Faculty.

—George W. Kimberley, '77, is a scientific agriculturist. After graduation as salutatorian of his class at Hamilton, Mr. Kimberley took up the practice of law at Towanda, Pa., later removed to Santa Barbara, Cal., being admitted to practice before the Supreme Court in 1900. He came to see the advantages offered in the agricultural line, however, and bought a farm at Puyallup, Washington, in 1903, where he has since been highly successful in the fruit and poultry industry.

Novel Plan for Use Of Old Library

The latest scheme for the use of the old Library is to convert it into a Theatre. How seriously this proposition is being considered it is impossible at this time to ascertain, but it is rumored that the attention of the Trustees has already been called to the fact that such an adaptation of the Library would be desirable. From the undergraduate point of view this is by no means the least popular of the propositions that have been made in regard to the future use of the building.

The introduction of a Latin Play as a possible feature of Commencement Week for some time to come and the popularity which the Charlatans won in their successful presentation of "The County Chairman" last year proved the desirability of an adequate place for giving dramatic performances on the Hill. The Commons certainly has none of the conveniences that are requisite to a stage performance, and even the Musical Clubs complain of the unsuited acoustic properties of the College dining room.

Last year the rumor went broadcast that a movable stage with the necessary equipment was included in the plans for the remodeling of the Gymnasium, but should such an innovation be added even now it would not satisfy those who are anxious to see a real encouragement given to the dramatic and musical abilities of the undergraduates, a sentiment which has behind it some of the most influential of the Alumni.

No end of arguments in favor of the plan can be found, but the decision of the Trustees in the matter can hardly be predicted so far in advance. At the present rate at which the work on the New Library is progressing, the Old Library will not be vacated for some time to come.

—Perhaps a noticeable feature of Thanksgiving this year is that fully 80 per cent. of the students remained on the Hill and took no cuts.

—Dr. Stryker spent Thanksgiving with relatives in New York. Dr. and Mrs. Hastings, and Dr. and Mrs. Miller dined with Prof. and Mrs. Morrill. Prof. and Mrs. Fitch spent the vacation at Walton, N. Y.